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## SCHOOL BOND VOTE NEXT TUESDAY

Voters within the Porterville Union High School and College district will go to the polls next Tuesday to put a "Yes or No" stamp on a proposed \$1,794,000 bond issue which, if passed, will provide funds for expanding and improving high school and college facilities.

Notification has been sent to voters as to polling places; polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. A two-thirds majority of votes cast must favor the bond issue if it is to carry.

School authorities have given the following approximate breakdown as to planned expenditures of bond money if the issue carries: \$260,830 to finish work on the new Porterville college campus, where construction of first units is now well underway, plus \$216,500 for additional college buildings, equipment and land for a total of \$477,330 for the college.

A total expenditure of \$506,000 is anticipated on the present high school campus for the following items: Administration building and classrooms, additional classrooms, shop, library-study hall combination, a primary electrical metering system and housing for transportation equipment.

Another \$210,620 would go for remodeling and contingencies, equipment and various necessary fees, bringing total expenditure on the present high school campus to \$716,670.

A sum of \$600,000 is set aside for initial development of a new high school campus, location of which has not been determined and will be decided upon only after a study of all factors involved.

If the proposed bond issue carries, total tax rate of the district will be increased from \$1.40 to approximately \$1.55; through a sliding scale system of repayment that "dovetails" payments on the 1950 bond issue and the new issue, tax to retire both the present bond issue and the proposed new bond issue would run about 38 cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation for a period of 16 years, with a six cent tax in the seventeenth year.

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## WAYNE SWITZER RESIGNS AS ROAD COMMISSIONER

Wayne Switzer presented his resignation as county road commissioner, to the county board of supervisors Tuesday, effective on April 1. He gave as his reason the fact that he was not reappointed the first of the year as county surveyor. Mr. Switzer has been in county government for some 35 years.



OFFICERS OF the Terra Bella chamber of commerce who were officially seated at annual banquet of the chamber held last Thursday evening in the Terra Bella Presbyterian church social hall are, left to right: Howard McNeill, vice president; Charles Hunting, director; Raymond Muller, director and past president; Sterling Ensign, president; John Oltmanns, director; Ross Ringsdorf, director; Norlan Behrens, director; and Ernst Thiesse, secretary-treasurer. (Farm Tribune photo)



PRODUCTION AND marketing of rabbits, with a by-product of fish-farming worms, comprises the ranch operation of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Walker, of Springville, who are shown above with their pickup truck that serves as a "traveling market place" for rabbit producers of Tulare county. The Walkers have seen the rabbit business, in a period of 15 years, grow from a meager \$50,000 per year to an \$18,000,000 California industry. (Farm Tribune photo)

## Production And Marketing Of Rabbits Is Major Operation At Walker Ranch; Fish Worms are Profitable By-Product

By Bill Beece

Not many farm products can boast so phenomenal a growth, in so short a period of time as has been achieved by the rabbit industry in the last fifteen years in growing from a \$50 thousand a year business into an \$18 million industry here in California.

To people like the Milton Walkers of Springville, who have spent a good portion of their lives in anticipation of this day, the increase in consumer demand for their products is as gratifying as it has been rewarding. But, admits Mr. Walker, there were periods when sales were on the upswing that he had his doubts if they could be maintained once the advantage responsible for the unprecedented demand was lost.

The advantage to which Mr. Walker refers occurred during the war years when, for some unexplained reason, rabbit meat was not included in the list of rationed foods. It was during this period that millions of Americans, in search for a supplement for their meager meat allowance, discovered the unrationed fryers and began buying them in king-size proportions, and have been at it ever since. You may recall that this happened to another product by the name of Oleomargarine.

In order to meet this new demand, the industry still depends to a large extent upon the backyard methods of the past, but, says Mr. Walker, these methods are on their way out. He believes that within the next 10 years the majority of fryers raised in commercial operations for market purposes will be produced from herds of 500 or more does, the number he believes to be the minimum to provide a livable family income.

In his own operation at his Springville ranch, located about

two miles above the town proper, on the Balch Park road, Mr. Walker markets about 40 thousand fryers each year. Of this total, about 5,000 are produced on the ranch and the balance are purchased from hundreds of small rabbit raisers in Tulare county, who depend upon Mr. Walker's ranch buying and pick-up service as an outlet for their products. These pick-ups are made by Mr. Walker the forepart of each week; rabbits

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## Cotton Crop Insurance Is Available

Available now in Tulare county is a plan for cotton crop insurance, handled through the Federal Crop Insurance corporation, with Bob Steventon, of B J Farm service as agent and with Sid Lindstrom as field man.

Premium runs no higher than \$6.07 per acre; insurance covers "all unavoidable hazards." Premium can be paid any time during 1955, which means that a grower can wait until his crop is in, then pay the premium, or if the crop is lost through insurable cause, premium will be withheld from loss payment.

Schedule of payment is as follows: If crop is lost before first cultivation and it is too late to replant, the payment will be \$30.08 per acre; if crop is lost after one cultivation but before it is laid by, payment is \$48 per acre; if crop is lost after harvest, payment is \$120 per acre.

The insurance plan is available in only two California counties — Tulare and Fresno. Full information can be obtained from Mr. Steventon or Mr. Lindstrom.

## ALFALFA COOP. CONSIDERATION AT VISALIA MEET

Discussion of formation of an alfalfa growers cooperative will be heard at a meeting of alfalfa growers to be held February 8, at 1:30 p.m., in the Veterans' Memorial building in Visalia. All producers of alfalfa are invited to attend.

## CAPACITY TO PRODUCE, SURPLUSES CALLED BASIS FOR CURRENT FARM PROBLEMS

Capacity to produce, plus government-owned surpluses were given as basic reasons for current farm problems at an agricultural conference of Tulare county farmers held Tuesday in Visalia, with expanded research and a growing national population listed as important factors in the solution of production and marketing problems of farmers.

In presenting general information on farm problems and outlook, John McElroy, program director of the agricultural extension service, spoke on "What Is American Agriculture Facing Today?"; George Alcorn, extension economist in marketing and a member of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's 21-man committee to study outlook in the nation, spoke on "The Agricultural Outlook For 1955."

T. R. Hedges, economist with the Giannini foundation, spoke on "Crop Changes In the San Joaquin Valley Due To Acreage Allotments"; and Constance Burgess, extension home management specialist, spoke on "Changes In Rural Family Living."

Mr. McElroy pointed out that "in the period of a lifetime", agriculture has emerged from "production with a hoe" to a highly commercialized operation. He said that in the last 75 years, agricultural development has been greater in America than during the previous 75 centuries of world progress.

Research, he said, plus the natural "growing up process" has doubled agricultural efficiency in the last 50 years and has made America the greatest nation in the world in regard to production of food and fiber.

He told of the agriculture of Mission days in California, when the growing of grain and the selling of hides were the major agricultural operations. He said that

in the decade after 1900, a million acres of California land were brought into production, and mechanical power replaced the horse.

Problem now, he said, is not more production, but increased efficiency of production and utilization of goods produced. He said that now the farmer must concern himself with all aspects of the farm problem from cultural practices to ultimate consumer demand.

Choice of farm production for an individual farmer, he said, should be based on what can be produced most efficiently, maintenance of high quality of goods produced and attention to best use of available resources.

He quoted Earl Coke, director of extension in California, as saying "The storehouse is no substitute for the dining room table," then he cited as an example of changing demand the fact that more women are working today than ever before, making pre-packaging an important item to consider nowadays in marketing farm produce. He said that demand is for a more efficient job in research as related to market demand.

Mr. Alcorn listed four assumptions that a farmer can make: 1. There will be no immediate war; 2. There will be no complete peace either, so farm production that formerly went into war and defense effort will decline — position. (Continued on Page 2)

## Springville Rodeo Date Is Set For April 17; Parade And Dance To Be Held April 16; Arena Painted

Annual Springville rodeo will be held April 17, it was announced this week by Ted Stancliff, president of the Springville chamber of commerce, with a parade slated for the afternoon of April 16 and a western dance the evening of April 16.

Manuel Cordoza of Cayucas, will be the stock contractor for the show; Chuck Parkinson, of Hollywood, will announce the show. Contestant entry deadline is Friday, April 15, with entry fees payable at time of signing for competition.

In preparation for the show, the entire arena facilities will be painted; two new bucking chutes will be added and catch pen will be enlarged. Special arena features are now being booked for the show.

Named as rodeo committee chairmen are: Glenn Ayer, advertising and publicity; Frank Rowland, program advertising; Wes Kutzner, queen contest; Herb Diefenbaugh, parade chairman; Bill Wood, gate; Roy Johnson, concessions; Frank Negus, main-

tenance; Wes Kutzner, first aid facilities; Ed Bace, communications, and John Powell, parking.

Sponsoring the show is the Springville chamber of commerce; a barbecue lunch will be served on the grounds during the show by the Springville Farm Bureau center.

## YOUNG FARMERS ON FIELD TRIP TO KERN COUNTY

Members of Porterville chapter of the California Young Farmers recently visited the Kern Valley Meat Packing company and the S. A. Camp Cotton Oil company plant during a field trip to Kern county.

Bob Styrt, sales representative of Kern Valley meat, conducted the tour through the plant, explaining the operation that allows slaughtering at the rate of one animal every three minutes. Most meat processed, it was stated, grades "Good", with about one per cent making "Prime".

Also seen was the firm's sausage plant, supervised by a Swiss sausage maker. Sausage and wieners are manufactured in automatic machines, with automatic recording temperature controls.

Since California does not supply enough hogs to meet demand, it was stated that the company im-

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## ROBERT SAAK HEADS POPLAR FARM CENTER

Robert Saak was recently elected chairman of the Poplar Farm Bureau center, with Bill Harris, vice chairman, and Mrs. Glenn Newsom, secretary.

Mr. Saak states that an active program is being planned for the center, with meetings to be called as arrangements are made, rather than to set a regular meeting date.



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### LET'S KEEP THE FACTS IN MIND

Voters of the Porterville Union High School and College district should keep certain facts in mind when they go to the polls next Tuesday to vote on a proposed \$1,794,000 bond issue.

Aforesaid facts, as we see them are these: Building facilities at Porterville high school and college are overcrowded and inadequate in many instances; in some cases, completely lacking.

High school population will continue to grow — general community growth and present elementary school population make this inevitable. And without doubt, this growth will make a second high school campus necessary in the not too distant future.

Completion of the college campus will serve to meet a growing demand for college enrollment, also release space on the high school campus that the college is now using.

Basically, the problem is simply that the high school has too many students for its present facilities, and even more students will be coming along in the future. This situation cannot be adequately met by doing nothing — something has to be done; a plan has to be put into operation and financed.

We believe that the above statements can be considered as facts — facts that can well be accepted without too much argument.

There may be logical differences of opinion as to plan for meeting the school need, but remember that the need is here, now.

Unless you have a better plan than that offered by the present school administration — a plan that you are willing to aggressively push, and personally work for, there is little logic in voting against the school bonds.

We believe that, all factors considered, plan as offered by the school administration is sound; we are positive that a growing need must be met; we are, therefore, favoring the Tuesday bond issue.

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## Capacity To Produce Surplus

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sibly from 14 per cent of national farm production last year to 12 per cent in the coming year; 3. Normal weather conditions will prevail; and 4. Farmers can expect the government to attempt to keep the economy on an even keel, taking measures to prevent both recession and inflation.

He pointed out that farm market prices are influenced by not only economics, but by politics, the military situation and the standard of social living. He said there has never been a prosperous agriculture without a generally prosperous economy, although the reverse has sometimes been true.

In speculating on the future, he said that the federal government will spend less, but that with state and local governments probably spending more, general government expenditure will not change much in the coming year. He said businesses are now generally increasing inventories, new products are coming on the market, a building spree is underway in the nation.

Concerning farm exports, he said that about 10 per cent of farm production may go into exports this year, that federal policy now is to curtail aid, but to encourage foreign investments, expand trade and encourage improvement in convertibility of currency.

He said increase in domestic consumption of farm products can be expected, that total national business volume in 1955 is expected to hit \$360 billion, possibly the greatest year in history; that by 1965 the gross national product may be \$500 billion.

By 1965, he said, national population, increasing at more than 2,000,000 persons per year, will be up to 190,000,000, a 19 per cent increase over last year; that trend will be for workers to earn more while working less.

"In spite of good demand, the demand is not quite good enough to match farm production," he said. Trend has constantly been for increased production per unit of land, with actual land under cultivation varying only about three per cent since 1920.

"Fly in the ointment," he said, "are carryovers." Almost 10 per cent of farm production is tied up in government loans, he pointed out, with greatest holdings in cotton and wheat. "This situation cannot continue," he said.

In commenting on "price squeeze" in which farmers find themselves, he said that prices for the things that farmers buy have been pretty well stabilized for the past four years, but that farm income has declined. He saw little hope for improvement in the price squeeze situation during the next year.

He said that cash position of the farmer in general is better now than in former years, that the general economy "is in high gear."

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and that even though farm income may decline somewhat in the future, 1955 may still be "a year of opportunity for the farmer."

Mr. Hedges, on a basis of reports from individual farmers, said that acreage taken out of cotton between 1953 and 1954 has gone primarily into grains, with barley predominating; alfalfa and permanent pasture, and fallow. He said tendency toward more barley production is seen on the larger farms, while smaller farmers went more to the forage crops.

He said the pattern would probably remain the same in replacing additional cotton acreage cuts this year.

As a result of increased acreage yield and price increases, net income to cotton producers did not vary much between 1953 and 1954, in spite of acreage cuts. He said that more efficient production to hold up total income is a challenge to farmers facing the 1955 cotton acreage cuts.

Miss Burgess pointed out that more people are now in the "middle income bracket", with increase in number of married women working an important factor in this middle bracket increase. She said the consumer spent \$80 billion in 1940; \$200 billion in 1954, with about 25 per cent going for food. She predicted that farm families will spend a little less this year than last, but that urban dwellers will spend a little more, with prices averaging about the same as last year.

On cost of specific items, she said clothing prices have declined gradually for the past two years; that food prices, although they have shown seasonal variation, have remained about the same; that medical care is going up, that rent has gone up but is levelling off.

Concerning eating habits since 1910, she said consumption of potatoes and cereal crops has declined; consumption of red meats, fish and poultry has risen considerably; consumption of lamb has gone down while veal has gone up; egg consumption is now greater than ever before; dairy product

consumption is increasing.

Concerning use of fibre, she said cotton remains fairly steady, but synthetics, which represented less than one per cent of 1920 production, rose to nearly 10 per cent between 1950-53.

Indicating increasing markets are gains in population, she pointed out. Population in 1910 was less than 100 million persons; in 1954 it was more than 162 million while by 1975 it may rise to over 220 million. Trend in farm population will probably continue downward — in 1910, 32 million persons lived on farms, in 1954, 22 million.

Concerning California, she said that indications are for more building, greater labor demand, greater total income, more school and other types of public building construction to meet a population growth that is expected to reach 15-16 million in 1965 compared to something over 10 million in 1950.

These factors indicate increasing markets for farm products, she said.

The farm conference was under direction of the agricultural extension service, as planned by Farm Advisor Ralph Worrell and his staff.

### ELECTION RESULTS

Fred K. Miller, as a write-in candidate, defeated Harrington Brown Jr., for director of the Lower Tule River Irrigation district from Division 4, in an election held yesterday. A write-in attempt in the Porterville district failed, when Maurice Henderson, incumbent, defeated E. M. Burns; voters of this district approved creation of five divisions for the district.

At Terra Bella, Milton Burtner and Incumbent Charles Hunting were elected board members; Ernst Thiesse was reelected as assessor-collector-treasurer. At Saucelito, Everett Cloer was reelected; Steve Ferrero defeated incumbent Paul Hudson; in the Vandalia district all incumbents were reelected.

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# THE OLD DAYS

## History Porterville Chamber Of Commerce

(Continued from Last Week)

By Miss Ina Stiner

On October 7, 1907, recorded Mr. Bradley, the secretary: "Mr. Bartlett dilated very cogently on the need of more dwelling houses being erected in Porterville, and strongly endorsed the forming of a corporation to supply the necessary habitations for new people coming into this city, as the present accommodations are entirely inadequate." (His own industry was soon to employ some 300

workmen, mostly with their families. If these minutes do not record accomplishments always, they show discussion of needs which reveal the conditions of the time.)

Additional schoolrooms and buildings were advocated by the chamber of commerce; and a committee was appointed to investigate the present condition of the schools and did report thereon. In the years following, when school bonds were on the ballot on election day, the chamber was active in their support.

There were specific projects for Porterville that were brought to realization during those first five years partly by the efforts of the chamber of commerce. In September, 1907, "Mr. Larson addressed the chamber of commerce in regard to the City Water works, which matter had been undergoing a careful examination by him and other parties in connection with its purchase from its present owners"; so a committee was appointed to look into it; and in April,

1908, the following committee was appointed to urge the city's acquiring it: A. M. Lumley, V. D. Knupp, H. F. Brey, Ed McKinney, J. E. Frame, W. E. Premo, and J. C. McCabe. And the water system became municipal property in 1908.

Also in September, 1907, a committee on parks was appointed: W. P. Bartlett, Wm. Duncan, and H. C. Carr. (Mr. Bartlett had become a member of the board of directors, in June, having been nominated by J. H. Williams to take his place as he felt he must resign.) In March, 1908, this committee reported that land for a city park would be secured from G. G. Murry and the Pioneer Land company; and in April, Henry Hunsaker also "partially gave" the necessary part to round out the park, of about 30 acres, at first called Burbank park, now called Murry park.

It seems that the committee with the help of other members of the chamber raised by canvass of the citizens about \$6,000 in the late winter of 1908; in its first report the committee would have modestly retired but was continued "to go ahead with the developing and beautifying of the park property." The deeds for the property were turned over to the city; but Mr. Bartlett and perhaps the other members of this committee continued to care for the development of the park.

By 1920 the growing park needed a better water supply for irrigation; and the sinking of a well especially for the park was advocated. So a chamber of commerce committee — L. N. Prestage (well-driller and resident of Plano), W. P. Bartlett, and W. E. Premo (who sold real estate on Murry hill) — made an investigation and reported to the city government. The well was sunk and put into operation, by the City. "A local free camping ground in Burbank park" was listed as one of the achievements of the chamber of commerce in 1917; but in 1920 the Chamber of Commerce Civic Improvement committee reported adversely concerning it, and attempted to find a spot near the highway and adjacent to the city limits for a free camping ground. (The city leased the Big Stump Camp ground just south of Tule river for that purpose about 1924.)

At present, in 1954, the chamber of commerce is aiding another — more fitting — project in Murry park — a public swimming pool, a project which has been suggested by several different organizations through the years. The actual financing and constructing is in the hands of a steering committee appointed by the chamber of commerce — consisting of 20 or more citizens. (According to a report published on June 26, 1954, "\$20,143.63 has been raised from contributions, organizations and activities; the shell of the pool has been con-

structed, the piping is being laid, and the drains have been placed"; much volunteer labor has been used; but nearly four fifths of this sum has been used to pay for materials and the necessary use of machine equipment and crews. The city will take care of the drainage and sewage, by using toward that purpose some unused park fund; however, much more money is needed for the buildings, walks, etc.)

It is a large and expensive project but one which, it is felt, that the chamber of commerce, rather than the city, is justified in undertaking, because in that case contributions towards the fund may come from outside the city limits — children using the pool may also be from outside the city limits.

The chamber's activity with regard to parks is a good illustration of what Andrew Morrison, recent secretary of Porterville chamber of commerce, called attention to in an article in the Evening Recorder, November 7, 1950, namely: that the aims of the Porterville chamber of commerce as expressed at its incorporation in 1912 are "in brief, to engage in any sort of activity which had for its final objective the development of the community as a whole", was rather remarkable at a period when "most chambers of commerce from 1912 to 1935 were used primarily by private concerns for their own promotion".

It was apparently the Ladies' Improvement club that initiated the purchase of the "Ball Park"; they appeared before the chamber of commerce directors on May 2, 1909, to secure the endorsement of a "Tag day" to raise funds for three purposes: for hitching racks and wagon sheds to accommodate the horses and wagons of out-of-town shoppers; for awnings, benches, etc., for the City park; and to lease or buy a piece of land for baseball for youths and boys, or other athletic sports.

(to be continued next week)

## SODIUM ARSENITE FOR BLACK MEASLES

A dormant spray of sodium arsenite controls black measles on grapes, according to Farm Advisor Fred Jensen. Table grape varieties should be treated when about five per cent of the vines are affected.

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Local feeder pig supply is about 5% larger this spring than has been reported for at least two or three years, remarked Roy Sharp, Hog Field representative for the California Farm Bureau Marketing Association.

"An increased number of new hog producers have been noted, and this coupled with the recent lifting of the quarantine on Vesicular Exanthema, has brought about a stimulated interest in the production of feeder pigs," Mr. Sharp added.

### De-Beaking Improves Chick Production

Practice of de-beaking day-old chicks will result in an 11.4 per cent increase in Grade A birds; feed conversion is also improved and because de-beaking controls feather picking, birds are more attractive for market. This report comes from Alabama Polytechnic institute, as a result of field tests.

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## We Only Heard

By BILL RODGERS

FARMERS TELL us that lightless bicycles are getting to be a problem on some country roads; seems that newspaper carriers are among the offenders, as well as boys and girls who are just out for the ride. Parents would do well to see that their children's bicycles are equipped with reliable lights, which are considerably cheaper than doctor bills and funeral expenses.

PORTERVILLE CHAMBER of commerce is coming along. Manager Allan Coates tells us that during the month of January, \$1,500 was collected in membership fees, including payment by two new members. This is considerably better than the previous January, and, with operating expenses trimmed, it appears that the chamber is working in the black.

A MUCH-NEEDED overhauling of administrative procedure is going on in the California department of employment, under Director William A. Burkett, in an effort to eliminate chiseling on unemployment insurance payments. A year or so ago, the state was paying out, annually, \$148 million for unemployment compensation, of which \$30 million was proved to be fraudulent, or one dollar in five was going to persons not entitled to it. It is estimated that since unemployment payment was started in 1938, California has lost \$200,000,000 to chiselers; from April 27, 1953 through October 22, 1954, random sampling by investigators showed that 78 per cent of all moneys paid out were legitimate, but 21 per cent were fraudulent, while one per cent of overpayments resulted from administrative error . . . What is a fraudulent unemployment insurance payment? The department says it is a payment based on wilful misstatement or a wilful withholding of information on the part of the claimant. More than half — 58.8 per cent — of claimants who have committed fraud did so by making false statement or withholding information in regard to their search

## Road Sign Going Up At 65 And 99 Hiways

A special finance plan, being participated in by several Porterville business firms, assures construction of a directional sign on 99 highway near the intersection with 65 highway, north of Bakersfield, it has been announced by A. L. Hudson, chairman of the Porterville chamber of commerce tourist and highways committee.

Assisting with sign financing are: Porterville Motel, Gang Sue's Tea Garden, Harry J. Johnson Co., Max Crumal, Sequoia Motel, Spalding Lumber company, Stevens Department store, Hicks Richfield service, Warren's Drive-In, Jensen Stationery, Bill's Liquor store, Vest Pocket Market, Roy's Place, Porter Cafe, Porterville Hotel, Hof Brau and Gibson Stationery.

A second sign is being constructed on 99 highway near junction with Poplar highway, through efforts of the Porterville Women's club.

## Ministers Name Committee Heads

Rev. William Holder, chairman of the committee on Visitation Evangelism of the Porterville Ministerial association, announced the names of the chairmen of the various committees at a meeting held recently at the Methodist Church.

Those named included: Rev. J. Wilmer Lambert, chairman of publicity; Rev. Everett C. Schneider, chairman of printed materials; Rev. Burris Morford, chairman of zones and area assignments; Rev. Ellis E. Peterson, chairman of workers' training and team assignments; Rev. Gilbert Vieira, chairman of finance; Rev. Willis Goldsmith, chairman of program coordination and Rev. Holder, chairman of survey processing.

These committees will include laymen from the respective churches, and plans will be made through these committees for the training of callers which will begin on Wednesday night, February 16, under the direction of Dr. Paul E. Miller of Sacramento. Their further work will include the formation of plans for the preaching evangelism which will begin Sunday night, March 20, with Dr. J. Kimber Moulton of Los Angeles as the speaker.

## MOD FUND PASSES \$7,000 MARK IN AREA

March of Dimes fund in southeastern Tulare county has now passed the \$7,000 mark, with \$4,994.61 coming from general solicitation and special events and \$2,400 from a carload of citrus donated by Sunkist Growers of the area.

The funds were raised in the communities of Porterville, Springville, Terra Bella and Ducor.

for work; 24.9 per cent failed to report earnings during weeks that they received unemployment insurance payments, in other words, they drew wages and insurance at the same time; availability for work was the point of issue in 13.3 per cent of the fraudulent cases and three per cent involved the claimant's last employment . . . Concrete proposals to correct the unemployment insurance racket are before the present state legislature. Certainly, here is a fertile field for constructive action.

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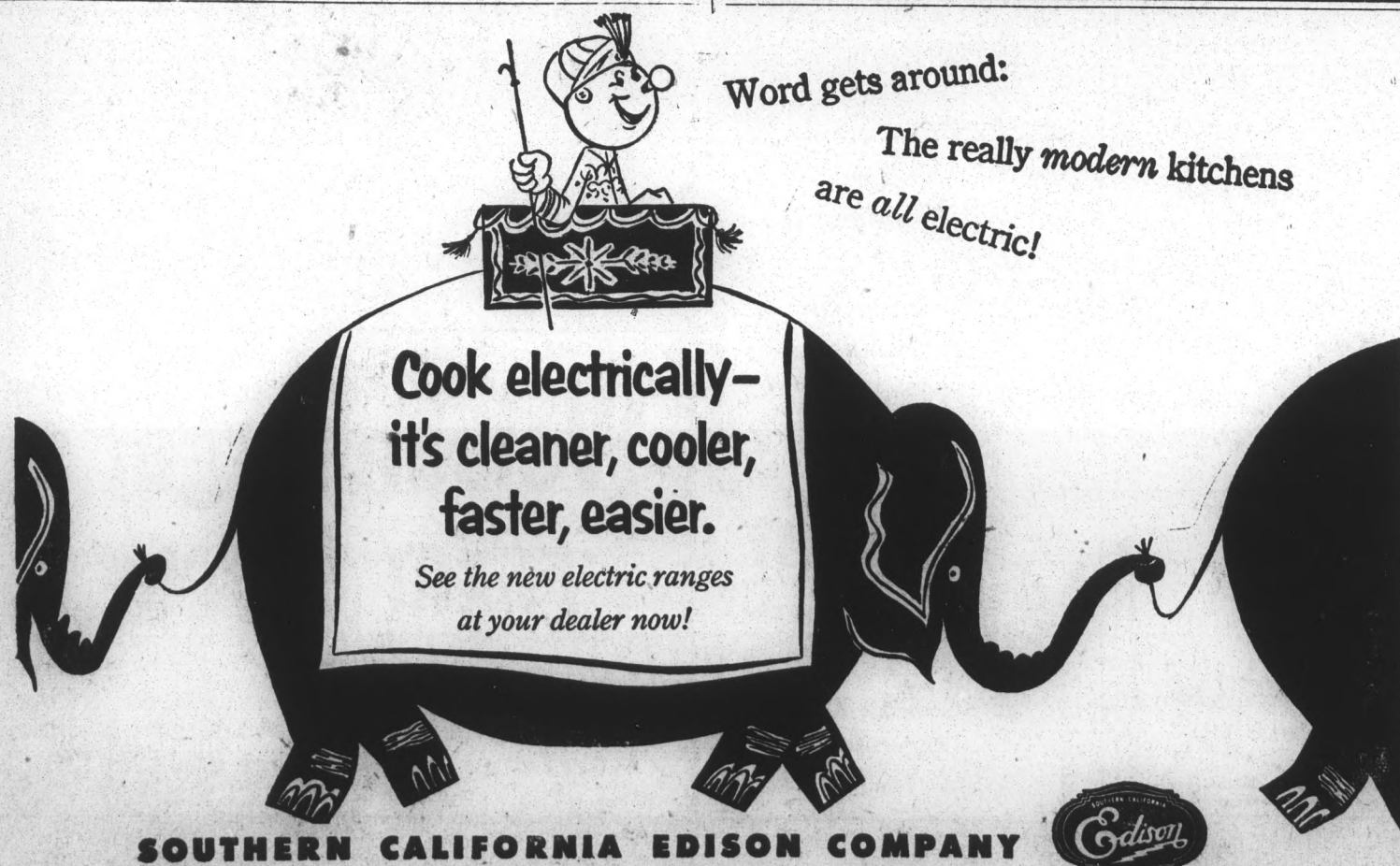
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## Action Proposed Against Use Of Secondary Boycott

United States chamber of commerce has set up a committee to advise the chamber in action against growing use of the secondary boycott.

Although the secondary boycott is outlawed in the Taft-Hartley act, loopholes in the law permit its continued use. The secondary boycott usually consists of action by a union to prevent individuals or businesses from doing business with a company with which the union is engaged in a dispute.

Through picketing, the union prevents a neutral firm from handling, selling or using the goods of another firm that is involved in a dispute with a union, thus threatening the income of neutral employers and employees and tending to block the flow of consumer goods.

Some damage to the lettuce crop in Imperial valley has resulted from morning frost.

## Patterson Asks Third Classification On Project Water

Conservation of flood-season waste water from Friant, Pine Flat and Isabella reservoirs is the subject of an Assembly Joint resolution introduced into the California legislature by Assemblyman Roscoe Patterson of Tulare and Kings counties.

The resolution, directed to the president of the United States, the bureau of reclamation and the Army engineers, requests that necessary steps be taken to make available for underground replenishment waste water not subject to sale under existing contracts.

Mr. Patterson suggests that the government create a "Class No. 3" water to be sold at 10 cents per acre foot for use by the irrigation districts, reclamation districts and individuals to replenish underground water supplies.

Fourteen persons were killed in California hunting accidents in 1954, one less than in 1953.

## FURS FOR FEATHERS

By Phil The Forester



Cottontail and brush rabbits may be taken throughout the year in California under certain circumstances.

While the general open hunting season closed at the end of the year, a special fish and game code section provides that any owner or tenant of land or any person authorized in writing by the land owner or tenant may take cottontail and brush rabbits on the private land at any time. The code section provides further:

"Any person other than the owner or tenant of the land shall have in possession when transporting such rabbits from the property, written authority from the owner or tenant of the land where the rabbits were taken."

Presumably this is an agricultural crop depredation measure but the subject is not actually referred to in the law.

We have had quite a few questions on this rabbit business in the last few weeks, and here's still another letter from Terry Sims of Reedley who wants to know if he needs a license to trap rabbits on the farm.

Code Section 1155 provides that no bird or animal may be taken with any net, pound, cage, trap, set line or wire or poisonous substance, so the answer is that a license is not required to do an illegal act, which trapping rabbits would be.

Exception to the above is that any predatory bird or animal found to be injuring growing crops or property may be taken at any time or in any manner by the owner or the tenant of the premises. The cottontail and brush rabbits are not classified as predators.

Still another exception is that certain specified fur-bearing animals may be taken by trapping during a special season after obtaining a trapping license. The rabbit is not a fur-bearer however.

Clam diggers will find minus tides in the early afternoon until February 8, and clamming is always good on the San Luis Obispo county beach, especially in the vicinity of Pismo Beach and Oceano.

Ocean salmon season south of Tomales Point, Marin county, opens on February 15, and generally speaking, fishing has always been good at this time. Anglers will have difficulty obtaining ocean fishing boat reservations if they have not already done so. There is no closed ocean salmon fishing season north of Tomales.

## DECIDUOUS TREE SCALE CONTROL NOW UNDERWAY

By John H. Foott, Farm Advisor

Spraying of deciduous fruit trees is now starting in the county, with most serious problem scale control. The past year has seen an increase of San Jose scale throughout the county; this particular scale is most dangerous, because of its ability to kill fruit wood and large limbs. Parlatoria or olive scale is still a problem, especially to the plum and nectarine grower.

Dormant control of these two insects is a necessary operation. Control for San Jose scale is four gallons of dormant oil emulsion to 100 gallons of water. If a grower has both Parlatoria and San Jose scale, three gallons of dormant oil emulsion plus two pounds of 25% wettable parathion to 100 gallons of water is suggested. When using parathion, a permit must be obtained from the Agricultural Commissioner's office in Visalia.

Both these sprays need full coverage to obtain favorable results. In some cases this has been neglected and the scale not controlled. To kill scale insects, the oil or oil-parathion combination must cover

its body, that's why full coverage is necessary.

## Cooperatives Do \$500 Million Business In State

Cooperatives in California transact an annual business of about \$500 million for some 70,000 farmers represented in membership of the cooperatives, according to Paul S. Armstrong, general manager of Sunkist Growers.

Mr. Armstrong stated, in a recent talk at Sacramento, that "bonafide farmers marketing cooperatives, such as the California Fruit Exchange and Sunkist Growers, in their organization, structure and operation, are the very antithesis of socialism."

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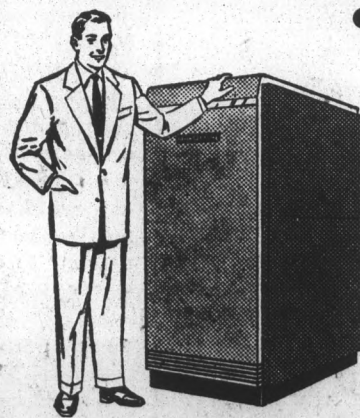


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## YOUTH PROGRAM TO BE PLANNED FOR WOODVILLE

Initial plans for development of a youth program in the community of Woodville will be made the evening of February 8, when members of the Woodville chamber of commerce and Woodville Civic club meet at the Fire station.

Plans will also be made for the annual banquet of the Woodville chamber of commerce. Chamber members on the banquet committee are: Jack Ashworth, Walt Sommers, Kirby Wyllie, Jack Adams and Johnny Monroe.

President Dave Chamberlain states that it is hoped to have the community hall at Woodville ready for use in the near future.

Cabbage is being harvested for local markets in Imperial valley, Los Angeles and Central Coast areas.

## FAMOUS 49ers WILL PLAY FOR MARCH OF DIMES

Members of San Francisco's famous 49er professional football team, will play basketball in Visalia the evening of February 19, meeting the College of Sequoias Giants in the Sequoia gym for benefit of the county March of Dimes campaign.

Among prominent names listed on the 49er roster are: Y. A. Tittle, Wilson, McIlhenny, Johnson, St. Clair and Stoltz, all of whom were collegiate basketball stars as well as football players.

## DOCTOR RECEIVES HOSPITAL PROMOTION

Dr. Hermann K. Sachs has been named assistant superintendent, medical services, at the Porterville State hospital. Dr. Sachs has served at the hospital as a physician and surgeon.

## CITRUS INDUSTRY IS SUBJECT OF CHAMBER SPEAKER

F. R. Wilcox, assistant general manager of Sunkist Growers, Inc., will speak on "New Look In The Citrus Industry", at annual banquet of the Porterville chamber of commerce next Thursday night, February 3.

The banquet, in the high school cafeteria, will follow a citrus theme. High school cafeteria staff will prepare the dinner, Pretty Misses of the Porterville Twenty-And's will serve. Annual chamber awards will be presented during the evening.

## Potato Acreage Increase Is Seen

California growers of late spring potatoes have indicated they will plant 70,000 acres, compared with 57,000 acres last spring. Prospective national acreage is 131,550 acres, nearly 16,000 acres above last year but 28,490 acres below the 10-year average.

## ORANGES STEADY AT \$4.00 F.O.B.

Navel oranges held steady at around \$4.00 f.o.b. average during the week ending January 29; pro-rate for the week ending February 5, has been set at 550 cars for Central California and 450 cars from Southern California, compared to the past week's movement of 700 and 400 cars respectively.

## 4-H Scholarships Are Offered By Standard Oil

Standard Oil company of California is offering five scholarships, ranging from \$200 to \$350, to 4-H club members in central California. Qualifications are: 4-H member must be a senior in high school or have graduated not more than one year prior to application.

Each applicant must submit a report form on availability of personal funds, story of 4-H project work, transcript on high school records and a statement from local 4-H club leader and Farm or Home advisor.

Applications must be in the state 4-H office on or before March 1, 1955; full information can be obtained from the office of the Tulare county farm advisor.

## STATE HEARINGS ON EITHER-SEX DEER HUNT

Hearing will be held in Sacramento, February 7, relative to proposed either-sex deer hunts on the final three days of the season in the counties of Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yolo, Solano, San Joaquin, Sacramento, Yuba, Butte, Amador, Calaveras and portions of Alpine, Eldorado, Placer and Nevada. On the same day a hearing will be held in Los Angeles on a proposed either-sex deer season for archers.

All basic crops will be grown under allotments this year.

## CARTOONIST TO HEAD WILDLIFE WEEK

Ed. Dodd, cartoonist - conservationist, and creator of the comic strip, "Mark Trail", will serve as national honorary chairman of National Wildlife week, March 20-26. Theme of the week will be "Save America's Wetlands."

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the office of Porterville Irrigation District is hereby established and shall be kept on the north side of Henderson Road, about ¼ of a mile west of Westwood Drive in Section 20, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, M.D.B.&M. in the county of Tulare, State of California, effective immediately and that henceforth all meetings of the Board of Directors of said District will be held and the business of said District will be transacted at said location.

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**  
I, Ernest L. Northup, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly adopted by said Board of Directors at a regular and duly held meeting, January 18, 1955, by the affirmative vote of all Directors, and duly entered on the Minutes of said Board.

**ERNEST L. NORTHUP**  
Secretary of Board of Directors of Porterville Irrigation District  
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:**

(a) That a petition for the formation of a Water District under the provisions of Division 13 of the Water Code of the State of California has been filed with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare, State of California.

(b) That Wednesday, February 23, 1955, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the rooms of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare, in the Hall of Records, City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of said petition.

(c) That the text of and signatures to said petition are as follows:

**PETITION FOR THE FORMATION OF THE HOPE WATER DISTRICT**

**TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA:**

We, the undersigned holders of title to a majority in area of land which is susceptible of irrigation from a common source and by the same system of works do hereby petition your honorable body for the formation of a water district under the provisions of Sections 34000-38501 inclusive of the Water Code of the State of California, sometimes referred to as the CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT LAW, and for that purpose make the following representations:

I. The name of the proposed district shall be HOPE WATER DISTRICT.

II. A description of the proposed boundaries of the district is as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, M.D.B.&M.; thence South one-fourth mile, more or less, to the Southeast corner of the North half of the Northeast quarter of said Section 20; thence west one-half mile, more or less, to the Southwest corner of the North half of the Northeast quarter of said Section 20; thence South one-half mile, more or less, to the Northwest corner of the South half of the Southeast quarter of said Section 20; thence North one-fourth mile, more or less, to the East quarter corner of said Section 20; thence East one-fourth mile, more or less, to the Northeast corner of the West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 21 of said Township and Range; thence South one-half mile, more or less, to the Southeast corner of said Section 20; thence East one-half mile, more or less, to the Northeast corner of said Section 21; thence South one-fourth mile, more or less, to the Northwest corner of the North half of the Southwest quarter of said Section 21; thence East one-fourth mile, more or less, to the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of Section 28 of said Township and Range; thence South one-fourth mile, more or less, to the Southeast corner of the North half of the Northwest quarter of said Section 28; thence West one and one-half miles, more or less, to the Southwest corner of the North half of the Northwest quarter of Section 29 of said Township and Range; thence South one-quarter mile to the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 30 of said Township and Range; thence West one mile, more or less, along the east-west center line of said Section 30 to the East boundary line of the Friant-Kern Canal; thence Northerly one-half mile, more or less, along said East boundary line of said Canal to the North line of said Section 30; thence West one-half mile, more or less, to the Southwest corner of the Southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, M.D.B.&M.; thence North one mile, more or less, to the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of said Section 24; thence East along the North line of said Section 24 and the North line of Section 21 of Township 22 South, Range 27 East, M.D.B.&M., one-half mile, more or less, to the East boundary line of the Friant-Kern Canal; thence North along the said East boundary line one-half mile, more or less, to the North line of the South half of Section 18, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, M.D.B.&M.; thence East one mile, more or less, to the Northeast corner of said South half of said Section 18; thence South one-half mile, more or less, to the Southeast corner of said Section 18; thence East one mile, more or less, to the point of beginning.

III. The name of the affected county is TULARE COUNTY.

IV. The number of acres in the proposed district is 2,385.

V. The place where the principal business of the proposed district is to be transacted is Porterville, California.

VI. The sources from which the land is to be irrigated are:

(a) Underground pumping and/or  
(b) The Central Valley Project via Friant-Kern Canal

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**VII.**

The consolidation of the offices of Assessor, Tax Collector and Treasurer is deemed advisable in the formation of the district and your petitioners request the consolidation of such offices.

Name	Address	Date
Elmco Vineyards, Inc.	1409 Beverly Drive, December 27, 1954.	
By Ed Merzolan, President		
Robert H. Merzolan, Sec.-Treas.	December 27, 1954.	
Joseph M. Konda, Rt. 2, Box 884, Porterville, December 28, 1954.		
Edward J. Konda, Rt. 2, Box 884, Porterville, December 28, 1954.		
Wiley D. Ambrose, 815 E. Morton, Porterville, December 27, 1954.		
Gladys B. Ambrose, 815 E. Morton, Porterville, December 27, 1954.		
George B. Ambrose, 1234-B E. Lexington, Glendale, December 27, 1954.		
Cyrille O. Faure, Rt. 2, Box 876, Porterville, December 27, 1954.		
Norma L. Faure, Rt. 2, Box 876, Porterville, Dec. 27, 1954.		
Cyrille O. Faure, Trustee, (Under last will of Joseph Faure, deceased), Rt. 2, Box 878, Porterville, December 27, 1954.		
Rose M. Faure, Rt. 2, Box 878, Porterville, December 27, 1954.		
Peter Faure, Rt. 2, Box 878, Porterville, December 27, 1954.		
Everett L. Cloer, Rt. 2, Box 833, Porterville, December 28, 1954.		

Above signature for West ½ of West ¼ East of Canal Sec. 19-22-27 only, 130 acres more or less.

Margaret Konda, Rt. 2, Box 884, Porterville, December 28, 1954.  
Eldon L. Adams, Rt. 3, Box 1173, Porterville, December 28, 1954.  
Marie Adams, Rt. 3, Box 1173, Porterville, December 28, 1954.  
J. H. Ladriagan, Box 485, Terra Bella, December 29, 1954.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF TULARE, ss.**

Wiley D. Ambrose, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That the attached petition for the formation of the Hope Water District was personally circulated by the affiant; that each of the persons whose names are affixed to the petition personally signed said petition in the presence of the affiant; and that the signatures of said persons are the genuine signatures of the persons they purport to be; that the residential voting address of the affiant is 815 E. Morton Street, Porterville, California, and that he resides in the No. 4, Porterville General Election Precinct of Tulare County, California.

(Signed) WILEY D. AMBROS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of December, 1954.

(SEAL) GAYLORD N. HUBLER  
Notary Public in and for the County of Tulare, State of California.

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(d) That at the said hearing the Board of Supervisors will hear all relevant evidence in support of or in opposition to the petition, or in support of or in opposition to requests for inclusion of land in or exclusion of land from the proposed district.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1955.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.**

By CLAUD H. GRANT  
County Clerk and Ex-officio  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

By JAMES E. HOWARD  
Deputy Clerk j27.f3.10

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

No. 12710

In the Superior Court of the State of California In and For the County of Tulare

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SILAS CLYDE DODDER, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, executrix of the estate of Silas Clyde Dodder, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Tulare, in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to exhibit said claims with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months to said executrix at the office of Guy Knupp, Jr., located at 400 Second Street, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of Silas Clyde Dodder, deceased.

Dated: This 18th day of January, 1955.

GOLDIE GERMAINE THURM

GUY KNUPP, JR.  
400 Second Street  
Porterville, California  
Telephone 1157  
Attorney for Executrix. j20.27.f3.10.17

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

No. 12723

In the Superior Court of the State of California, In and For the County of Tulare

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS C. CONN, ALSO KNOWN AS T. C. CONN, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given by the under-

**LEGAL NOTICE**

signed administratrix of the estate of said deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased or against his estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, at his office at the Hall of Justice in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice with the said administratrix at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 East Mill Street, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

BELLE MILLER, administratrix

BURFORD, HUBLER & BURFORD  
Attorneys for administratrix  
Box 308, Porterville, California

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**Young Farmers**

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Young Farmers who made the trip were: Pete Suhovy, Leon Wilcox, Sig Knutsen, Harold Sheldon, Roscoe Hunnycutt, Guido Lombardi, Bill Shepard, R. M. Parks, Leland Vossler, Bob Falter, Dick Reed and Chester Gilbert.

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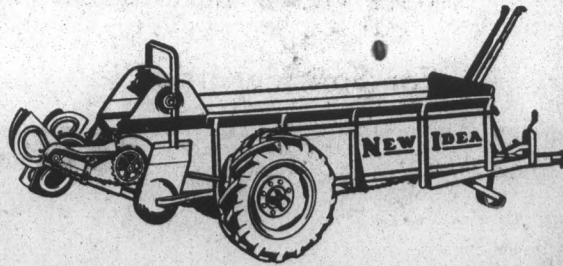
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## Production And Marketing of Rabbits

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are quartered on the ranch to await the arrival, each Wednesday, of a truck from El Monte for

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By John



If you have braved the weather to be outside you will have noticed the days are getting longer. Less noticeable is the fact that nights are getting shorter. This is hard on you because it gives you more time to work but less time to sleep. Doesn't seem fair somehow. By rights nurserymen should hibernate through the long winter night, but instead we lie awake thinking up plants to entice you come spring. This isn't fair either.

While spring hasn't actually sprung we have assembled a lot of enticing what-nots for your garden pleasure and are bringing more each week. Amongst these should be just the thing you're looking for plus a few you wouldn't have on a bet. These you can send to your mother-in-law or vice-versa. Maybe you would like a Magnolia tree, a Flowering Peach, a Paper Shelled Pecan, or a Zantedeschia Elliottiana. This last is a plant which no garden should be without. Think of your unbounding pride when you say to your friends "My Zantedeschia Elliottiana bloomed today!" Believe us, friend, you will have arrived.

For those of you wanting a few cold facts, we offer the following — February is the time for planting all bare root material, artichokes, asparagus, rhubarb, phlox, transval daisies, bedding plants, seeds, lawns, and horseradish. 'Tis time to dormant spray with calsul. Likewise to prune back heather after blooming — but 'tis not time to prune back frost-damaged plants. These should be left until fully leaved out and then only the dead parts removed.

For those of you thinking winter is over, we have tomato and pepper plants available. With every dozen we throw in an old tire good for one night's smudging.

delivery to their final destination, the El Monte processing plant. Average weekly pick-ups are about 700.

In addition, the ranch also supplies a number of retail markets in Porterville and surrounding cities with packaged fryers, processed in the ranch's own modern plant under the supervision of Mrs. Walker.

Another source of income for the ranch which Mr. Walker has developed in the last few years is the marketing, annually, of better than two million worms as fish bait. The worms are used on the ranch to perform custodial chores, chiefly to dispose of the thousands of pounds of fertilizer that normally accumulate beneath the rabbit hutches. This is a common practice employed in rabbitries today mainly to control obnoxious odors and also to eliminate the back-breaking job of carting the dropping outside the buildings.

After the worms have been left in the dropping boxes for several months all that remains is a sawdust-like mulch. The process of retrieving the worms is one that must be seen to be appreciated and well worth the trip to the ranch to see.

As to the future of the rabbit business, Mr. Walker expects the industry not only to maintain its gains but to increase them substantially. He believes the industry's biggest problem was solved by the public's acceptance of their product. Now that the industry has the stability that was needed, Mr. Walker says other problems can be tackled in real earnest.

## School Bond Vote

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Basic reasons for asking for the bond issue, as stated by school board members, come under two categories — an enrollment that is increasing more rapidly than in any other Tulare county high school, except one; and the inadequacy of present building to properly house even the present enrollment.

Because of lack of space, it is stated, boys are being refused shop courses each semester, and several shop classes are being conducted under "makeshift" conditions. And, at present, there are no facilities designated for a school library, for a study hall, for graphic arts, dramatics, vocal music, instrumental music and stagecraft; classes that are being held in these subjects are conducted under highly unfavorable conditions.

School officials also state that with an enrollment record of 313 students, the college has outgrown

## OUR TOWN

I met a very nice young man the other evening. He was all dressed up in a nice new suit. His pink shirt had French cuffs, which he pulled down to show me, and he was quite a delightful surprise. I said, "Hello" and as he was about in the first grade I half expected him to answer in the usual way with a smart "Ehha", but to my surprise he answered as you dream of children answering. We had a nice conversation. I found out that there was a new lamb in the pasture, but her mother was dead, and my friend went to Bellevue school and was in Erma Rambo's first grade. What really impressed me was the very nice way he talked to adults. There wasn't anything smarty about him, but he had a mind of his own, and he was charming. I know his parents must be fine people. I don't know them personally, but I know they have a wonderful little boy. His name? Skipper Crummal, and I am glad he is one of the younger generation of OUR TOWN.

Another evening, and at the Methodist church, the men cooked the dinner and the women had a surprise for Isabel Perkins. Mrs. Gourley worked up to the surprise, and it certainly was a surprise. Everyone was sworn to secrecy and Opal Johns played a female Ralph Edwards in "This Is Your Life", Isabel Perkins. The honoree had as much fun as anyone there. She has a delicious sense of humor, and when different friends came forward with their memories Isabel matched them and reminded them of long forgotten capers. Just last year Irmyle Fitzgerald took Isabel for an airplane ride, and Irmyle said she rode like a veteran. It was the first plane ride Isabel has had for 86 years, and from all reports she loved it and wants to go again soon. Such wonderful memories she has, and such grand friends who love and admire her. She looked so cute up on the stage next to her two lovely daughters, and she seemed to have such a grand time. I liked the story she told of a group of women cooking a big benefit dinner and not being sure enough people would arrive and help them make some money, and so my favorite mother-in-law was sent up and down Main street ringing a dinner bell to remind OUR TOWN that goodies were waiting to be eaten. Another story of a lady looking in a suitcase for something and being helped by a flashlight can't be told here, but you ask Isabel. Such blushes from some of the women.

its buildings, while the transportation department has outgrown its facilities.

Development of a second high school campus is deemed necessary by school officials, since even after present college buildings on the high school campus are released by construction of a new college plant, facilities will not be adequate to handle anticipated high school enrollment increase.

In initial stage of development, approximately 500 students would be provided for on the proposed new campus, with 1,500 students on the present campus.

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## SPRINGVILLE NEWS

By Winnie Gage

January 27, 1955

Burt A. Babcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Babcock, Springville orange growers, has graduated from officer training with the Marine Corps with a commission as second lieutenant and is now stationed at Camp Pendleton.

Rev. Dale Harper, pastor of the Methodist church, will represent Springville at the annual banquet of the Christian Business Men's committee of Porterville.

Sylvia Wilde was honored at a Reminiscent Party held recently at the home of Mrs. Catherine Lowrey of Porterville. A potluck supper

I could go on and tell of some of the excitement Jimmy Howell caused in OUR TOWN when he was about four years old and tried to drive a car, but I can't because Jimmy said, "Oh no, don't bring that up." So I won't.

was enjoyed by old friends who were formerly associated in club activities of the community; Miss Wilde presented an original poem in honor of the occasion. Present were Celia Potter, Floreda Beckham, Elsie Kellogg, Nell McDonald, Sylvia Wilde and Catherine Lowrey.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Wesley, of Fresno, were weekend visitors in Springville, enjoying snow sports in the mountains.

A/3 Earl Robert J. Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barnett is home on a 35 day furlough from Larson Air Force Base in Washington. He was accompanied home by Willis M. Jackson, whose home is in Soperton, Ga. The boys will be sent to Hawaii when their furlough is over.

The 4-H Club members and several parents went on a snow trip January 23. The 4-H group donated \$10.00 to the March of Dimes.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fine were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Spears and children of Madera.

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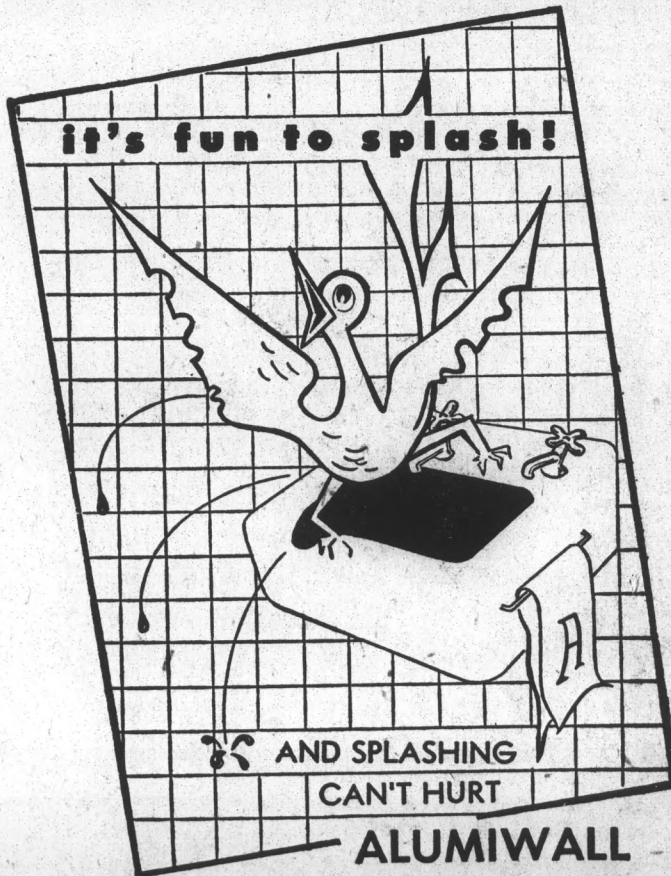
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